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FILLER PANEL

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In the Office Action mailed December 31, 2002, the Examiner states that the present Application contains three distinct inventions related as process of making and product made. As such, the Examiner is requiring the Applicants to elect a single invention for examination. Specifically, the Examiner is requiring the Applicants to elect between the first invention, Group I, recited in Claims 1-8, drawn to a filler panel assembly, classified in Class 174, subclass 35R, a second invention, Group II, recited in Claims 9-14,

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drawn to a method for preventing interference, classified in Class 29, subclass 592.1, and a third invention, Group III, recited in Claims 15-20, drawn to a filler panel assembly with an attaching device, classified in Class 174, subclass 33.

ELECTION WITHOUT TRAVERSE BETWEEN GROUP I, GROUP II AND GROUP III

Applicants elect without traverse Group I, recited in Claims 1-8, drawn to a filler panel assembly, classified in Class 174, subclass 35R.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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